

SOUTHERN GROWTH

Business Improvement Traceable to Policy of Protection.

THE CITADEL OF DEMOCRACY.

Change Gradually Going on—South Has Been Forging to the Front on Account of its Vast Natural Wealth—People are For Expansion and Sound Money—Feeling For Protection Strong—Instructive Article by Senator Scott.

By Hon. N. B. Scott, United States Senator, of West Virginia: The south is the citadel of Democracy. In this country it has also always been the citadel of free trade. Twenty-five years ago a protectionist southerner was almost as rare as a white black bird. The overthrow of the old Whig party had practically eradicated that element of political society in that section.

But since then a great change has been gradually going on. The growth of protectionist sentiment in the south during the last quarter century is one of the most important developments of recent political history. And as the protective tariff is the corner-stone of the Republican party, this tendency, in spite of race issues and old political associations, and prejudices, cannot but tend to the gradual upbuilding of a strong Republican party in the south.

It is a fact susceptible of ample proof that whenever we have had a protective tariff the whole country, north and south, has prospered, and whenever we have had a low tariff, or practically free trade, the country has suffered from hard times. The latest instance is to be found in a comparison of the condition of the country under Cleveland's second administration and with the Wilson low-tariff law in operation, and the present McKinley administration, with the Dingley high-tariff law.

A Few Figures.

A few figures in a very condensed form may be cited in illustration:

	1895.	1899.
Number of employees in U. S.	753,031	924,921
Wages of employees in U. S.	\$415,568,261	\$522,967,596
Net earnings of U. S.	\$203,631,047	\$54,641,119
Value of exports.	\$282,397,550	\$323,931,222
Value of imports.	\$21,969,965	\$57,148,483
Balance of trade in our favor.	\$1,122,225	\$606,782,733
Value of manufactures.	\$402,003,000	\$1,277,978,756
Value of horses, sheep and cattle.	1,541,336,323	2,041,849,823

In regard to this latter item, the increase in the value of live stock in southern states, during the period named, was nearly \$55,000,000.

These are but a few specimen details. In every branch of productive industry that can be named there has been increased activity and increased profit during McKinley's administration as compared with the previous low tariff of Cleveland's administration. In these benefits the south has fully participated and shared equally with the north. In fact, in many lines the south has outstripped the north in the record of commercial development during the past four years.

Coal, Iron and Lumber.

This is due especially in regard to the coal, iron and lumber interests. The progress of the south since 1895 in agriculture, commerce, manufacturing, mining, railroading and other transportation enterprises, etc., is simply wonderful. All this progress, improvement and profit is due mainly to the Republican protective tariff, operating according to the fixed gold standard.

Similar ratios of business improvement and profit during the last four years are proved by the official statistics relating to our banks, both commercial and savings, our coal, iron and steel products, our railways, our cotton products and manufactures, our breadstuffs and other farm products, our textiles, etc.

The change of opinion among the southern business men in regard to the principle of the tariff and other fundamental business principles during the present campaign has been wonderful; in fact, quite revolutionary. About five hundred business men of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, have been heard from by the Republican national committee. All but about a dozen declared themselves to be Democrats, but not in favor of Bryan, and most of them re-

SORES AND ULCERS.

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ported that they were strongly in favor of the Republican doctrine of protection.

South for Expansion.

Mr. John Souzet, of Natchez, Miss., expressed himself as follows: "The people are for expansion and sound money. They appreciate the present prosperity, and if the race question could be eliminated they would vote for McKinley to a man."

In West Virginia the feeling in favor of protection is very strong; in fact, the inhabitants realize that the Republican tariff on coal and iron has been the making of the state. The farmers of the state also appreciate the rise in prices of farm products, which they see is due not so much to bountiful crops as to a good market for those crops. The recent tremendous increase in the foreign demand for American coal is also appreciated at its full value by the West Virginia people, and they are fully aware that it has been rendered possible by the protection afforded to home products by the Dingley tariff.

Only a few days ago the Republican national committee received a request from Mr. McFarlane, secretary of the Louisiana state Republican committee, for a large supply of sound money and protective tariff literature, for which he said there was a great demand in New Orleans. He added that it was surprising to see the large number of influential old Democrats who were now siding with the Republicans on account of the tariff question.

Old Democrat for McKinley.

One of the oldest Democrats in West Virginia, Mr. John B. Darnall, of Alderson, Monroe county, has come out for McKinley, in a letter in which he says that he is eighty-two years old and has voted with the Democrats for more than fifty years, but now feels compelled

MARION COURTHOUSE

Completed—Structure Cost \$300,000.

With One Exception, Most Costly Building in the State—Description by an Intelligent Correspondent.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Sept. 24.—The new Marion county court house has been completed and will be accepted by the county court on October 1. The structure will stand the taxpayers of the county at least \$300,000. At the same time, the building presents such a palatial appearance and is such a monument to the energy of the county that few complaints are heard. With the possible exception of the hospital for the insane at Weston, it is the most expensive building in the state. It is by long odds the most imposing court house. The building is built entirely of Cleveland sandstone and steel. It covers an entire square and is approached by massive stone-columned porticos, with majestic stairways and appropriate allegorical designs, and is surmounted by a graceful dome supporting a heroic-sized statue of justice. The interior is in keeping with the outside. The county court-room and the offices of the clerks and sheriffs are all on the first floor, and handsomely, but not elaborately decorated. The furnishings are complete and up-to-date. Each official has an office adjoining the public rooms. The circuit court-room is located in the rear portion of the building on the second floor. The ceiling is high and the room is spacious, bright and airy. There is a gallery for spectators.

Portrait of Ex-Governor Pierpoint.

The decorations are chaste and quiet, but impressive. On the right of the judge's bench is painted a portrait of

entirely unsought by him, as the following letter will show:

BUCK, Summers Co., W. Va., September 18, 1900.

To the Chairman and Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Forest Hill District:

GENTLEMEN:—You are no doubt aware that I was placed on a candidate ticket for the office of constable, contrary to my wishes and without my consent, and I now in this tender my resignation for the confidence and bestowal on me by that nomination. But as an honest man I cannot consent to allow my name to remain on a ticket I cannot support. I voted for William McKinley in 1896 and am proud of it, as I feel the Republican party has fully redeemed all its pledges made to the people then, and especially to the farmers. I desire no change in the administration. I feel that I can support my family better and easier; have better prices and readier markets for the products of my farm under a Republican administration. I cannot jeopardize my interests for an untried theory of free silver or bugaboo of imperialism. I am McKinley and the Republican ticket.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Direct advices from Carthage, Columbia, say the rebels are active in that department.

The census bureau announces that the population of Savannah, Ga., is 54,224, as against 43,189 in 1890.

Marlin E. Olmsted, of Harrisburg, Pa., was re-nominated for Congress Monday by the Republicans of the Fourteenth district.

Announcement is made in New York of the suspension on the stock exchange of Egbert Mills, who has been a member since May, 1899.

The Republic Iron and Steel Company yesterday built fires in all its mills in Covington, Ky. They will start full capacity this morning.

Four fishermen are known to have been drowned in the equinoctial storm that burst over the gulf of Georgia Sunday night. Great anxiety is felt for other fishermen who are still out. Several small steamers and scows were damaged or sunk at the Vancouver wharves.

Dr. Alfred Stille, who for nearly twenty years was professor of theory and practice of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and well known throughout this country and Europe, died at his home in Philadelphia, Monday. Dr. Stille was eighty-seven years old.

Dispatches from the Nueces river valley, in Texas, say the Mexican village, La Algie, on the Gallardo creek, a branch of the Nueces, was destroyed by the recent flood. A Mexican family of four, and two American campers, supposed to have been deer hunters from Eagle Pass, perished.

The American delegates, Lucian Saniel and Paul Kretlow, were elected members of the committee of the Socialist congress which reassembled Monday morning in Paris and dealt with the appointment of committees. A conflict between French delegates was settled by a compromise.

The surgeon general's office of the war department has no information regarding the epidemic of yellow fever in Havana, although it is known to exist there to a considerable extent. Private advices from Havana indicate that the outbreak is serious. The fever exists in the best parts of the city and among Americans who have gone there.

The business portion of Omer, Michigan, was practically destroyed by fire early Monday. The hotel, two drug stores, a saloon, furniture, hardware and jewelry stores, a photograph gallery, the postoffice and eight residences were burned. Losses about \$50,000 with light insurance. The town has no fire protection.

George W. Noble, a prominent farmer living alone on Buffalo creek, near Leavenworth, Kan., was found murdered yesterday near his home. His body was partially devoured by the remains. Noble had evidently struggled hard against the murderers, as the house was spattered with blood. The house had been ransacked, but the murderers overlooked a large sum.

As a result of an order designed by the management to stop the alleged theft of valuable ore at Victoria, Colorado, Stratton's independence gold mine has been closed. The miners declare they will not go back while the order remains in force and the superintendent says the order will not be revoked under any circumstances.

Two great Masonic bodies began their triennial sessions at Cincinnati yesterday that continue during the week—the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council, the highest degrees of the York Rite, which is held at the Temple. These meetings are preliminary to the grand encampment of Knights Templar at Louisville next year. The reports showed a membership of 31,500. Over 200 delegates were present.

Joseph Brennings, aged forty, was burned to death last night, at the Morrill fruit farm, near Benton Harbor, Mich. Brennings was a tramp who had been employed for the summer, and had been given sleeping quarters in the farm packing house. Coming home drunk, he accidentally set fire to the packing house, which was burned to the ground. The body was taken out burned to a crisp.

Edifying.

New York Evening Sun: It is edifying on the same day Mr. Carlin arraigned William J. Bryan for fabricating class distinctions with mischievous intent there should be discovered a speech made by Daniel Webster in the senate on January 21, 1851, in which he handled such a dangerous demagogue without gloves. "Whoever," said Mr. Webster, "has the wickedness to pursue the hardihood to avow a purpose to bring down what has been founded essential to the protection of all interests, by arraying one class against another, and by acting on such a principle as that the poor always hate the rich, shows himself the reckless enemy of all. An enemy to his whole country, to all classes, and to every man in it, he deserves to be marked especially as the poor man's curse!"

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